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Independent Reading Book Project

Directions: For this assignment, you will choose a project to complete based on the independent reading book you have read. I will check with you about the book you are reading for this project. If you have since finish that book and begin a new book, and you decide you would rather create the project for that book, please talk to me. The project options below are split into two different categories, writing projects and creative projects. Some of the writing projects are creative. **You will choose one project to complete.**

THIS PROJECT IS DUE FEBRUARY 27th, BUT YOU CAN TURN IT IN ANYTIME BEFORE THAT DATE.

WRITING PROJECTS

Compare/Contrast Is the book you read similar to another book you have read or movie you have seen? Is there a movie version of the book? If so, write a compare/contrast essay about the two works. Include short introduction and conclusion paragraphs, as well as one paragraph explaining two of the similarities (compare) and another explaining the differences (contrast).

Create a Comic Book Turn a book, or part of it, into a comic book, complete with comic-style illustrations and dialogue bubbles.

Picture Books After reading your book, create a picture book version of the story that would appeal to younger students.

"Dear Diary..." Create a diary or journal and write at least five entries that might have been written by a character in the book you just read. The entries should share details about the story that will prove that you read the book. Each entry should be at least five sentences.

Script It Write a movie script for your favorite scene in the book just read. At the top of the script, assign real-life TV or movie stars to play each role. *You must also write a paragraph explaining why you chose those particular actors.*

New Ending Write a summary of the ending of your book (about one paragraph). Then, pretend you are the author of your book and rewrite the ending to the story so it concludes in a new way. *Your new ending should include dialogue and narration; it should **not** be a summary of how the story could have ended!*

CREATIVE PROJECTS

Make a New Book Jacket It should include a **new**, attractive picture or cover design. The cover design should not simply recreate the existing cover. There should also be two flaps on either side -- one with an *original* summary of the book, and the other with information about the author (and the illustrator, if applicable). The flap about the author should also include information about his/her other books. You also need to include a separate description of the cover design, explaining why you designed it that way.

Puppet Show Convert your book into a puppet show. Make simple puppets (stick puppets, finger puppets, paper bag puppets, and so on) or complex puppets (marionettes) and present the story or an exciting scene from it. Write a script for your puppet show and explain why the puppets are depicted this way. You can present this for the class or record it and turn in the recording.

Play it Again Select songs that remind you of the book you read. **Create a CD case and CD** with those songs on it. You should include at least six songs, and the CD case should be decorated with the names of the songs listed on the back. Write a 2-3 sentences for each song explaining how it connects to the book.

Scrapbook Create a scrapbook for one of the main characters that reflects the many events that occur to him or her in the novel you read. You can include photographs, letters, postcards, a family tree, newspaper article clippings, memorable items, or anything else you can think of that you might find in a scrapbook. Be sure to write captions below the photos or items, describing what they are and their significance to the character. Create a nice cover for your scrapbook.

Collage Do a collage on poster board showing pictures or other items that relate to the book, and then write a couple sentences about at least eight of the pictures to detail their significance. You can write this on the back of your poster board. Use newspaper and magazine pictures to decorate your collage, as well as any other photos or materials you have access to. The collage should be made of found pictures and objects. The poster board should be nearly completely covered. **If there is a movie based on your book, please do NOT use photos from the movie for the poster -- think outside the box!**

A Suggested Timeline

Now: Have your IR book chosen and in your possession

Week of February 17: Finish reading your book; choose the project you want to complete

February 20-27: Work on your IR project; turn in your project on time